



A Peek at USDA Farm Service Agency Happenings in April

Important Dates to Remember

NAP Pull-Off Date - check with your local FSA office for exact date

May 15-Aug. 1 - Primary Nesting Season

May 31 - Final loan/LDP availability date for Corn, Dry peas, Grain sorghum, Lentils, Mustard seed, Safflower seed, Small chickpeas, Soybeans, and Sunflower seed harvested in 2006

July 16 - Acreage Reporting Deadline

October 2 & 3 - Women Stepping Forward for Agriculture, Beaverhead Golf Course, Dillon

2007 Final Year of DCP Program Under 2002 Farm Bill

The sign-up deadline for the 2007 Direct and Counter-cyclical (DCP) program has been extended from June 1 to August 3, 2007.

The extension applies only to the enrollment time frame and does not extend the annual DCP contract period beyond September 30, 2007. A late-file fee of \$100 will be assessed for farms that are enrolled after August 3, 2007 but no later than September 30, 2007. Applications filed after September 30, 2007 cannot be approved.

FSA encourages those interested in the program to sign up early to avoid the \$100 late file fee. Contact your local FSA office to set up an appointment.

Do you have enough storage for your harvest:

Before harvest is the best time to prepare for harvest!

FSA can make loans to help build or upgrade farm storage and handling facilities.

Loans can be made for the purchase and installation of eligible storage facilities, permanently affixed drying or handling equipment, or remodeling existing facilities.

Eligible facilities include:

- ◆ New conventional-type cribs or bins;
- ◆ New oxygen limiting and other upright silo-type structures;
- ◆ Re-manufactured oxygen-limiting storage structures;
- ◆ New structures that are upright, bunker-type, horizontal, or open silo structures with at least 2 concrete walls and a concrete floor;
- ◆ New permanently affixed grain handling and drying equipment;
- ◆ Existing storage can be renovated according to FSA regulations;
- ◆ New electrical equipment integral to the proper operation of grain storage and handling equipment;
- ◆ New equipment to improve, maintain or monitor the quality of stored grain;
- ◆ Safety equipment;
- ◆ New flat-type storage structures.

The maximum term of the loan is 7 years. The interest rate for each loan will remain in effect for the term of the loan.

Contact the local FSA for more information.